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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YUKI KATAYAMA, ET AL. )  
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned )  
(National Phase of PCT Application No. )  
PCT/JP03/13259 filed October 16, 2003 )  
Filed: Concurrently herewith )  
For: METHOD FOR )  
QUANTITATIVELY )  
DETERMINING CHOLESTEROL )  
IN HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN )  
AND REAGENTS THEREFOR )  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned )  
Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned )  
April 12, 2005 )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows: